

Byun Donald
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Byun Donald

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3200 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 1400

(Street)

LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HOPE BANCORP INC [HOPE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/21/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Stock Option (right to buy)	08/21/2018		M		35,170	A	\$ 5.02	35,170	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	08/21/2018		M		5,286	A	\$ 14.65	40,456	D	
Common Stock	08/22/2018		S		40,456	D	\$ 17.84	437,272	I (2)	By self and spouse as trustees of

family trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(3)					(3)	(3)	Common stock	4,500
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.18					(4)	09/01/2026	Common stock	20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.02	08/21/2018		M	35,170	08/01/2016	01/28/2022	Common stock	35,170
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.65	08/21/2018		M	5,286	08/01/2016	08/25/2025	Common stock	5,286

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Byun Donald 3200 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 1400 LOS ANGELES, CA 90010	X			

Signatures

/s/ by Claire Hur as AIF for Donald Byun 08/23/2018

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$17.81 to \$17.86, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to HOPE Bancorp, Inc., any security holder of HOPE Bancorp, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.

(2) These shares were previously reported as directly beneficially owned but were transferred by reporting person and spouse to a revocable family trust on August 8, 2017. Of the total 574,254 shares that were transferred to the family trust, 1,026 shares were sold on 8/24/17 and 100,000 shares were sold on 8/25/17.

(3) 13,500 restricted stock units were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Hope Bancorp, Inc. common stock. 1/3 of the award vested immediately on the grant date, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in 2 equal annual installments thereafter.

(4) 20,000 stock options were granted on September 1, 2016 pursuant to the BBCN Bancorp, Inc. 2016 Incentive Compensation Plan. 1/3 of the options vested immediately on the grant date, with the remaining 2/3 vesting in two equal annual installments thereafter.

(5) Received pursuant to the merger between BBCN Bancorp, Inc. and Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. effective July 29, 2016 (the "Merger"), in exchange for a stock option to acquire 50,000 shares of Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. common stock.

(6) Received in the Merger in exchange for a stock option to acquire 7,515 shares of Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. common stock.

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